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An Act To Disseminate "Lessons Learned" from Medical Injury Claims

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3269, sub-§8-B is enacted to read:

8-B. Informational report. By March 1st of each year, the board shall submit to the Legislature and to all surgeons and physicians practicing medicine in Maine a report consisting of an analysis of all medical injury claims filed pursuant to subsection 8-A with the board for the preceding year. The report may not include names or other identifying information of any parties in the claims, but there must be a determination of causation in the board's findings of negligence. The report must also include suggested actions to minimize reoccurrence of negligence.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Board of Licensure in Medicine each year to analyze and create a report of all claims of medical injury filed in the State in the preceding year to determine cause and to suggest possible means of prevention of reoccurrence. The report will not include names of any of the parties in any claim and must be sent out to all surgeons and physicians practicing medicine in Maine and to the Legislature by March 1st of each year.